ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town of Dunbarton

1898

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF DUNBARTON

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, ROAD AGENTS, AUDITORS,
AND TOWN CLERKS, AND SCHOOL
DISTRICT OFFICERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

CONCORD, N. H.:
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1898.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

L. S. *To the Inhabitants of the Town of Dunbarton in the County of Merrimack in the said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said Dunbarton, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways, and see in what manner the same shall be expended.
4. To see if the town will vote to raise money to be expended in Memorial Day exercises, and make arrangements for the same.
5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers, heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on all taxes paid before a specified time, and at what rate.
7. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

MOSES J. PERKINS,
FREDERICK L. IRELAND,
IRU C. MERRILL,
Selectmen of Dunbarton.

A true copy. Attest:

MOSES J. PERKINS,
FREDERICK L. IRELAND,
IRU C. MERRILL,
Selectmen of Dunbarton.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Statement of inventory of Dunbarton, April 1, 1897:

Land and buildings,	$244,175.00
Stock in trade,	7,320.00
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit,	10,682.00
Bank stock,	1,423.00
162 polls,	16,200.00
261 horses,	9,155.00
35 oxen,	1,520.00
646 cows,	14,868.00
114 neat stock,	1,566.00
52 sheep,	137.00
6 hogs,	35.00
30 fowls,	15.00

Statement of taxes:

Total valuation,	$307,096.00
Amount of taxes assessed,	3,628.98
School money,	1,160.00
Town library,	57.60
Town charges,	700.00
Highways,	1,267.74
State tax,	960.00
County tax,	93.413

Rate per cent. on $100, $1.18.

Orders given by selectmen:

MISCELLANEOUS.

Frank Eaton, M. D., return of births and deaths,	$1.75
E. B. Swett, M. D., return of births and deaths,	.50

Larkin S. Page, cutting bushes in cemetery,	$4.00
Frederick L. Ireland, postage, receipt book, and express,	3.60
Moses J. Perkins, printing town reports,	30.00
Moses J. Perkins, record book and supplies,	9.40
F. N. Grafton, M. D., return of birth,	.25
Frederick L. Ireland, trustee, interest on town note to April 1, 1897,	23.33
John Bunten, 30 flags for soldiers' graves,	1.45
A. P. Seeton, 48½ ft. eave spout,	7.28
Frederick L. Ireland, trustee, partial payment on town note,	66.66
Frederick L. Ireland, county tax (in part),	800.00
Moses J. Perkins, labor and lumber for town-house,	1.00
John Bunten, lead and oil for cemetery fence and town buildings,	10.95
John D. Bunten, labor on cemetery fence and painting,	13.50
Ernest Murphy, 5½ days' labor in cemetery,	8.25
Frederick L. Ireland, balance of county tax,	134.13
Frederick L. Ireland, interest on town note to Oct. 1, 1897,	22.88
Charles F. Hoyt & Co., four lamps for town hall,	11.00
Frederick L. Ireland, hanging lamps, chain, and express,	1.00
Lewis Page, care of one tramp,	.50
John Bunten, wood and care of lower hall,	2.00
George H. Ryder, trustee, town library money,	57.60
Oliver P. Wilson, discount on taxes paid before Aug. 1, 1897,	28.67
Henry P. Kelley, labor on cemetery,	.50

TOWN OFFICERS.

Bradford Burnham, truant officer, 1896,	$4.00
Edward P. Paige, moderator, March, November, and special meeting, 1896,	5.00

John D. Bunten, school district treasurer, 1896,	$10.00
George A. Morrison, school district clerk, 1896,	3.00
Thomas W. Kimball, town auditor,	2.00
James E. Stone, town auditor,	2.00
Bradford Burnham, member of school board,	16.75
George F. Mills, town clerk,	25.00
Moody B. Jones, town treasurer,	25.00
Moses J. Perkins, selectman,	60.50
Frederick L. Ireland, selectman,	74.00
Iru C. Merrill, selectman,	44.00
Horace Caldwell, supervisor, 1897,	4.00
Frederick L. Ireland, moderator, school meeting, 1896,	1.00
John Bunten, tax collector,	50.00
John B. Ireland, member of school board,	31.30
Otis E. Whipple, supervisor, November, 1896, March, 1897,	8.00
David P. Walker, member of school board,	24.50
Natt. P. Hammond, supervisor, 1897,	4.00
John D. Bunten, truant officer, 1897,	4.50
John Bunten, constable, notifying dog owners,	2.00
John Bunten, janitor of town hall,	23.00
Eugene A. Whipple, member of board of health,	3.00

WATER ON HIGHWAY.

Mary E. Farrar,	1896,	$3.00
John C. Mills,	"	3.00
A. M. Smith,	"	3.00
Larkin S. Page,	"	3.00
James E. Stone,	"	1.50
Sewell E. Hoyt,	"	3.00
G. W. & H. P. Page,	"	2 00
Willie F. Page,	"	3.00
Lewis P. Wilson,	"	3.00
Eugene A. Whipple,	"	3.00

John Bunten,	1897,	$3.00
George W. Craine,	"	2.00
David S. Ferson,	"	3.00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

John B. Ireland,	$34.18	
" " "	13.60	
" " "	30.87	
" " "	24.48	
" " "	5.89	
		$109.02

COUNTY PAUPERS.

John Bunten, goods furnished A. P. Boardman, a dependent soldier,	$8 00
Moses J. Perkins, car fare to Vermont furnished A. E. Sabin,	3.70
E. B. Swett, M. D., medical service, A. E. Sabin,	1.50
Frederick L. Ireland, team to carry A. E. Sabin to Concord,	1.50
Lizzie E. Burnham, board, care and clothing for Laura Buswell, 52 weeks,	115.56
Thomas Haines, board of Sally Haines to January 1, 1898, 35 weeks,	70.00
	$202.26

SCHOOL MONEY.

John D. Bunten,	$400.00	
" " "	425.00	
" " "	476.72	
		$1,301.72

LABOR ON HIGHWAY.

Frank C. Woodbury,	$106.11
Frank C. Woodbury,	93.06
Otis E. Whipple,	100.00
Otis E. Whipple,	86.15
George O. Bailey,	77.35

Eugene A. Whipple,	$44.48	
Eugene A. Whipple,	40.30	
Otis E. Whipple,	107.05	
Otis E. Whipple,	59.05	
George O. Bailey,	56.95	
George O. Bailey,	9.85	
George O. Bailey,	20.30	
Eugene A. Whipple,	76.80	
Eugene A. Whipple,	145.64	
Otis E. Whipple,	51.10	
Otis E. Whipple,	27.80	
George O. Bailey,	107.43	
Otis E. Whipple,	83.59	
George O. Bailey,	117.49	
Eugene A. Whipple,	94.39	
		$1,504.89

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

David P. Walker, illegal tax, 1896,	$1.42
David S. Ferson, over tax, "	1.42
Frank G. Perley, abatement of poll tax, 1896,	1.42
Henry O. Reynolds, " " "	1.42
Charles Phillips, " " "	1.42
Eugene Jameson, " " "	1.42
Edward Yeomans, " " "	1.42
Benjamin W. Lord, " illegal tax,	1.42
Moses Lavoie, abatement of poll tax, paid in Manchester,	1.42
Charles Bailey, abatement of tax, paid in Goffstown,	2.56
Frank Sargent, abatement of poll tax, out of town,	1 42

OUTSTANDING BILLS REPORTED FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

Moses J. Perkins, selectman,	$44.00
Frederick L. Ireland, "	59.25
Iru C. Merrill,	36.00
George F. Mills, town clerk,	25.00

John Bunten, town treasurer,	$25.00
George H. Ryder, auditor,	2.00
Horace Caldwell, "	2.00
Oliver P. Wilson, tax collector,	50.00
John D. Bunten, school-district treasurer,	10.00
	$253.25

RECAPITULATION.

Liabilities.

Note due Congregational Society,	$866.66	
Note due Frederick L. Ireland,	100.00	
Outstanding bills,	253.25	
		$1,219.91

Assets.

Amount due on O. P. Wilson's collection, 1897,	$844.54	
Amount due on C. M. Wheeler's collection, 1894,	19.47	
Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1898,	198.59	
		1,062.60
Indebtedness of the town,		$157.31

Respectfully submitted:

MOSES J. PERKINS,
FREDERICK L. IRELAND,
IRU C. MERRILL,

Selectmen of Dunbarton.

Dunbarton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1898.

Town of Dunbarton, in account with Moses J. Perkins, Dr.:

1898.			
March	24.	One half day at Concord, for supplies,	$1.00
	27.	One half day on blanks,	1.00
April	1–8.	Six days, taking inventory,	12.00
	15.	One day on real estate valuations,	2.00

April	16–17.	Two days, making taxes,	$4.00
	19.	One day, returns to state,	2.00
		One half day, appointing collectors,	1.00
July	16–17.	One and a half days on pauper business,	3.00
Sept.	2.	One half day, appointing sexton,	1.00
	11.	One half day, drawing juror,	1.00
Oct.	18.	One half day on bridge,	1.00
Nov.	5.	One day, perambulating line,	2.00
Dec.	1.	One half day, revising jury box,	1.00
	31.	One half day on pauper case,	1.00
Feb.	7.	Making pauper account,	1.00
		Three days with road agents,	6.00
	15–16.	Two days, settling accounts,	4.00
			$44.00

Town of Dunbarton, in account with Frederick L. Ireland, Dr.:

1897.			
March	27.	One half day on inventory blanks,	$1.00
	31.	One half day on inventory books,	1.00
April	1–8.	Seven days, taking inventory,	14.00
	15.	One day on real estate valuations,	2.00
	16–17.	Two days, making taxes,	4.00
	19.	One day, making returns to state,	2.00
May	1.	One day, filling collector's book and appointing collector,	2.00
July	17.	One day at Concord with county pauper,	2.00
Aug.	11.	One day at Concord to pay county tax,	2.00
Sept.		One half day, drawing jurors,	1.00
	27.	One day on pauper business,	2.00
Oct.		Making deed of lot,	.50
Nov.	4.	At town clerk's, for record of bounds,	.75
	5.	One day, perambulating town line with town of Goffstown,	2.00
		Town business,	.50

Dec.	1.	One half day, revising jury box,	$1.00
1898.			
Feb.	3.	One half day on pauper business,	1.00
	7.	One half day, making pauper accounts.	1.00
	11.	One day at Concord, to settle with county commissioners.	2.00
	15.	Three days, settling with town officers and making town reports,	6.00
		Recording tax and orders,	5.00
		Three days, with road agents,	6.00
		Postage and stationery,	.50
			$59.25

Town of Dunbarton to Iru C. Merrill, Dr.:

1897.			
March	27.	One half day on inventory blanks,	$1.00
Apr.	1.	One day, settling with road agents, etc.,	2.00
	2–7.	Five days, taking inventory,	10.00
	8.	One day on inventory books,	2.00
	15.	One day on real estate valuation,	2.00
	16–19.	Three days, making taxes,	6.00
May	1.	One half day, appointing collector,	1.00
June	1.	One half day, settling with road agent.	1.00
July	1.	One half day, settling with road agent.	1.00
	16.	One half day, on pauper business.	1.00
Sept.	1.	One half day, with road agents.	1.00
Oct.	1.	One half day, with road agents.	1.00
	18.	One half day, looking over bridge.	1.00
Nov.	1.	One half day, giving orders, etc.,	1.00
	5.	One day, perambulating town line.	2.00
Feb.	7.	One half day on pauper accounts.	1.00
	15.	One day at settlement,	2.00
			$36.00

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

John Bunten, in account with the town of Dunbarton, Feb. 15, 1898, Dr.:

To cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1897,	$509.08
Davis trust fund, with interest from Jan. 1, 1896,	100.00
Town, county, and state tax assessed, 1897,	3,623.98
Cash due on John Bunten's collection, 1896,	897.95
Cash received, interest on John Bunten's collection,	29.48
Cash due on C. M. Wheeler's collection,	19.47
Dog licenses,	92.40
Literary fund,	59.52
Savings-bank tax,	1,147.69
Railroad tax,	231.75
Hall rent,	46.00
Cash received on pauper account,	200.26
Cash received, interest on O. P. Wilson's collection, 1897,	3.42
Cash received for bridge plank,	2.00
Cash received for cemetery lot,	5.00
	$6,968.00

John Bunten, in account with the town of Dunbarton, Cr.:

By cash paid district treasurer,	$1,160.00
By dog money, 1896,	82.20
By literary money, 1897,	59.52
By cash paid state treasurer, state tax,	960.00
By cash paid county treasurer, county tax,	934.13
By cash paid, town orders,	2,609.55
Davis trust fund, with interest,	100.00
Due on O. P. Wilson's collection,	844.54
Due on C. M. Wheeler's collection, 1894,	19.47
Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1898,	198.59
	$6,968.00

This certifies that we, the undersigned, auditors of the town of Dunbarton, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the collectors, selectmen, and treasurer, and have found them to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE H. RYDER,
HORACE CALDWELL,

Auditors of Dunbarton.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF TOWN LIBRARY FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1898.

	Dr.	
Feb. 17, 1897, cash on hand,	$31.85	
15, 1898, cash from the town,	57.60	
		$89.45
April 1, 1897, cash to librarian,	$12.00	
17, 1897, cash for wood,	2.00	
Oct. 1, 1897, cash to librarian,	12.00	
		26.00
Leaving a cash balance of		$63.45

GEORGE H. RYDER,

Treasurer.

Statement of the valuation of the taxable property in Dunbarton, April 1, 1897:

Ira M. Colby,	$1,125
James W. Colby,	950
David S. Ferson,	1,132
Stobridge Flanders,	332
Maynard A. Hadley,	450
William Haselton,	1,784

D. Edwin Whipple,	$500
Albert P. Little,	2,085
Henry A. Little,	415
Nancy Woodbury, estate of	250
S. Susan Little, estate of	500
Moses Hadley,	3,417
Florence Flanders,	70
John H. Haselton,	160
Will Flanders,	280
Edgar Heselton,	770
Hiram R. Putnam,	1,285
Lewis H. Putnam,	100
William H. Colby,	570
David Hadley,	100
Fannie L. Burnham,	2,090
Horace Caldwell,	400
Mary E. Orne,	610
John B. Ireland,	3,457
Frederick L. Ireland,	2,390
Willis M. Dickey,	600
Moody B. Jones,	1,960
Harriet A. Jameson,	400
Henry P. Kelley,	2,268
Daniel Jameson,	1,801
Benjamin W. Lord,	550
Lewis Page,	2,376
Ernest Murphy,	100
Mary Parkinson,	150
Moses Perley,	550
Frank G. Perley,	100
George H. Ryder,	1,455
Avery Saunders, estate of	30
John R. Emerson,	3,658
Jonathan S. Page,	100
Oliver P. Wilson,	2,110
John D. Bunten,	1,710

Charles B. Dickey,	$1,428
Inez B. C. Dickey,	300
F. L. & R. P. Ireland,	50
James J. Peck,	10
Elvira C. Ryder,	1,500
Alonzo D. Jameson,	310
John Bunten,	2,100
Avery L. Gleason,	160
Frederick L. Ireland, George H. Ryder, Henry L. Wilson, trustees of First Congregational society,	2,400
Delia Page,	500
Henry M. Caldwell,	100
Thomas Haines,	10
Isaac Haines,	100
William Caldwell,	140
John Parkinson,	100
Gustavus J. Hillsgrove,	100
Asa P. Boardman,	44
Lizzie M. Dickey,	150
Iru C. Merrill,	2,540
Rebecca J. Merrill,	24
Thomas Gilbert,	100
Horace and Henry M. Caldwell,	1,760
Alfred W. Stanyan,	140
Edward D. Jameson,	100
Charles Clifford, heirs of	2,300
Sewell E. Hoyt,	2,145
David F. Heath,	1,681
Charles F. M. Stark,	5,878
Edgar F. Straw,	1,998
Willie E. Straw,	100
James E. Barnard,	722
Eliza Straw, estate of	150
Charles D. Gile,	200
Thomas Fives,	100
Charles I. Clifford,	171

Albion L. Robbins,	$100
George Brooks,	100
Harvey G. Boynton,	150
Frank O. Rollins,	120
Frank C. Woodbury,	2,087
Romeo A. Dubuque,	100
Mary E. Farrar,	1,067
Mary A. Hammond,	1,500
Natt P. Hammond,	2,740
Charles H. Lord,	3,820
C. H. & O. Lord,	850
John C. Clough,	856
George D. Batchelder,	1,282
George A. Morrison,	100
Wesley P. Stone,	1,524
James H. Stone, estate of	700
James E. Stone,	265
Moses J. Perkins,	1,064
George O. Waite,	4,176
Walter W. Kimball,	1,212
M. J. Perkins and C. H. Lord,	200
Leander Fenton,	480
Augustus F. Waite,	100
Edward Hutchins,	100
Charles H. Woodbury,	120
James H. Waite,	1,375
Nathaniel J. Colby,	1,790
Elmus Ordway,	1,846
Charles A. Gould,	2,055
Willie F. Page,	8,128
Albert E. Jones,	1,612
Stillman H. Woodbury,	1,230
Francis M. Lincoln,	100
Asenath B. Simond,	350
Joseph F. Carter,	100
Albion K. P. Frye,	100

Arthur G. Colby,	$140
Ezekiel L. McCrillis,	514
George Lincoln,	100
Ossian P. Ellis,	1,356
Frank A. Cleveland,	100
Moses Lavoie,	100
Frank Jones,	1,700
Francis H. Stevens,	100
Mary M. Stevens,	75
Ezra H. Kelsea,	825
George Powers,	100
Mary Alexander,	400
Walter G. Clough,	425
Fred N. Collins,	1,847
Lewis C. Fitts,	3,127
John C. Mills,	2,509
Mathew S. Mills, estate of	1,600
George F. Mills,	228
George H. Heath,	1,892
Justus Lord,	1,124
G. W. & H. P. Page,	6,530
Harry E. Mills,	990
Benjamin E. Fitts,	100
Charles O. Mills,	100
Caleb Page,	3,055
Edward P. Page,	5,140
David Sargent,	1,938
Henry S. Whipple,	3,336
David P. Walker,	1,820
Walter C. Walker,	130
Mary E. Knights,	400
Mary J. Page,	1,554
Peter H. Batchelder,	880
James S. Sawyer,	250
Edward B. Lord,	210
Caleb Page, estate of	2,223

George O. Bailey,	$1,570
Joseph Chalafoux,	100
Rosa Bunten,	22
Lemuel N. Barnard,	3,264
Philander M. Lord,	4,436
Samuel B. Hammond,	1,562
Otis E. Whipple,	4,760
Lewis N. Barnard,	1,102
William H. Stinson,	5,583
Fred B. Heselton,	2,222
Arthur Whipple,	100
George Davis,	115
Walter Ordway,	30
Charles F. Barnard,	120
Lauren P. Hadley,	2,125
George Noyes,	2,368
John Sanborn,	900
George E. Noyes,	170
Jonathan G. Wheeler,	2,340
Frank P. Wheeler,	1,300
Christe M. Wheeler,	4,144
Eugene A. Whipple,	2,746
Benjamin H. Wheeler,	160
Scott M. Wheeler,	100
Nathaniel H. Wheeler,	4,658
Alfred A. Colby,	1,150
Arthur E. Colby,	100
Willie Colby,	100
Samuel Verry,	100
Charles Tenney,	100
Thomas Lund,	100
John Hanson,	100
Oliver and George O. Bailey,	1,000
James M. Bailey,	1,410
Oliver Bailey,	484
Larkin S. Page,	2,104

Perley E. Warriner,	$1,064
John F. Haines,	1,350
George W. Craine,	3,325
Herbert Walker,	100
John Cahill,	100
Hannah K. Barnard,	2,200
Aaron C. Barnard,	4,086
Elbridge C. Brown,	369
Rodney E. Boynton,	593
James M. Rogers,	1,434
Clara A. Smith,	1,693
Amsden Barnard,	856
Merton L. Weed,	225
Jennie E. Barnard,	200
Albe M. Smith,	100
Chester P. Rogers,	100
Ernest Weed,	100
Wesley P. Barrett,	342
Robert J. McConnell,	508
Serano B. Toby,	225
William A. Barnard,	100
George E. Boynton,	100
Susan P. Brown,	200
Charles J. Wetherby,	100
Walter H. Burnham,	810
A. Lincoln Burnham,	4,746
William N. Fuller,	900
Otis B. Greer,	574
Orren Law,	610
David Story,	4,473
Thomas S. Wilson,	2,200
David Story, Jr.,	100
Lizzie C. Burnham,	1,000
Lewis H. Wilson,	2,330
Charles Burnham,	100
John F. Flanders,	1,798

John Nute,	$100
William S. Raitt,	140
David Butterfield,	2,402
William Law,	200
Nellie Burnham,	50

NON-RESIDENT.

William S. Whipple,	$975
David Riley,	30
Benjamin F. Greer,	1,150
William S. Rowell,	30
Charles Kimball, estate of	600
Lavinia Robinson,	250
Oscar H. A. Chamberlen,	200
Jeremiah P. Jameson, estate of	200
Mary B. Hart,	500
Ansil Marshall,	150
Mary A. Marshall,	250
Dodge & Barnard,	1,200
S. M. Christe & Co.,	25
John K. Wilson,	175
Mrs. Francis Colby,	300
Ida A. Avery,	200
William H. Burnham,	75
John Atwood,	900
Frank P. Colby,	600
Henry J. Terrill,	200
J. W. Fellows, estate of	600
John H. Burroughs,	300
John M. Bailey, heirs of	50
Levi Call,	300
William C. Newell,	300
Winslow heirs,	5,800
Ray & Clough,	2,500
George E. Barnard,	500
Mark Ellinwood,	450

A. B. Morgan,	$40
Samuel Clement,	1,200
Emery & Hoyt,	150
James E. Elliott,	50
Lewis Page,	300
Carlton Heath, heirs of	600
Edgar Bunten, estate of	350
Stephen Hammond,	700
Aaron Lord, heirs of	350
John W. Gould,	125
C. B. Littlefield,	50
Mrs. D. K. Davis,	450
Stillman Merrill,	50
Cyrus Hammond,	50
Lewis Sargent, heirs of	400
Rodney Johnson,	25
Alonzo Richard,	50
Eliza K. Ramsey, estate of	300
George Warriner,	100
Willie N. Colby,	100
Ira McDougal,	100
—— La Barge,	300
Arthur Spofford,	200
George Spofford,	200
Frank B. Mills,	500
Thomas O. Knowlton,	350
Jacob Bailey,	100
Charles S. Parker,	1,000
Frank A. Parker,	450
William H. Marshall,	150
J. M., and estate of, D. A. Parker,	650
G. P. & C. C. Hadley,	175
Mrs. C. A. Worthly and Mrs. M. J. Barnard,	600
Charles C. Stinson,	1,000
Mrs. George H. Parker, estate of	600
Everett W. Whipple,	40

Mrs. Horace Richard,	$900
David E. Page,	40
Seth Quimby,	350
David Wells,	1,500
R. Mason Ordway,	400
Elbridge Merrill,	200
William Woodsum,	400
Charles W. Davis,	900
Willis Averill,	200
William Head,	150
Walter Putney,	500
Asa Nichols,	50
John Nichols,	100
John C. Hammond,	150
James A. Warner,	250
J. Marshall, estate of	50
Mrs. R. W. Gould,	200
Otis G. Cilley, estate of	200
John C. Ray,	5,400
Alton P. Jones,	200
Loraine Marsh,	450
Bertha C. Goodhue,	300
Irving Barnard,	150
Abbie H. Colby, estate of	75
Eliphalet Richards,	100
John Q. Perley,	150
Daniel and Charles W. Davis,	600
Van Buren Marten,	2,400
Abbie M. Ricker,	100
Marshall N. Badger,	50

REPORT OF F. C. WOODBURY, ROAD AGENT.

Town of Dunbarton, Dr.:

1897. *February.*

William Heselton,	breaking	roads,		$6.30
Edward B. Lord,	"	"		4.20
Henry Mills,	"	"		5.97
James E. Stone,	"	"		3.50
S. E. Hoyt,	"	"	and work,	16.47
I. C. Merrill,	"	"		4.95
George Noyes,	"	"		4.88
F. C. Woodbury,	"	"		9.85
John Haines,	carting dirt and breaking	roads,		5.00
Larkin Page,	breaking	roads,		8.70
Chase Brown,	"	"		8.50
A. Barnard,	"	"		8.50
John Bunten,	"	"		5.84
Albe Smith,	"	"		5.20
Perley Warriner,	"	"		3.75
J. R. Emerson,	"	"		2.00
Breaking roads,				2.50
				$106.11

March.

W. F. Page,	$7.44
Walter Putney,	5.90
Page Bros.,	6.90
J. E. Barnard,	3.00
F. B. Heselton,	.45
David Story,	4.95
W. F. Raitt,	1.35
A. L. Burnham,	3.53
L. H. Wilson,	3.90
William Stinson,	2.00
O. P. Ellis,	4.10

Edgar Straw,	$9.20
Amsden Barnard,	3.00
A. E. Jones,	4.50
C. D. Guild,	1.00
H. A. Little,	5.75
E. A. Whipple,	3.78
— Colby,	1.65
C. Gould,	1.50
G. Waite,	5.55
T. S. Wilson,	3.00
N. Hammond,	1.20
F. C. Woodbury,	7.06
W. Heselton,	1.00
J. Bunten,	1.35
	$93.06

REPORT OF O. E. WHIPPLE, ROAD AGENT.

Paid for labor on highway:

R. J. McConnell, on road machine, 3½ days, man and 4 horses, at $5.50,	$19.25
R. J. McConnell, 11½ days, man and 4 horses, at $6.00,	69.00
R. J. McConnell and horse team, 1 day at $3.00,	3.00
J. B. Ireland and horse team, 3 days at $3.00,	9.00
L. H. Wilson and horse team, 1 day at $3.00,	3.00
I. C. Merrill and horse team, 4 days at $3.00,	12.00
O. E. Whipple and horse team, 17 days at $3.00,	51.00
L. Page and horse team, 1½ days at $3.00,	4.50
F. B. Heselton and horse team, 1 day at $3.00,	3.00
A. S. Burnham and horse team, 1 day at $3.00,	3 00
R. J. McConnell, 12 days at $1.50,	18.00
L. Syncere, 2 days at $1.50,	3.00
J. B. Ireland, 3 days at $1.50,	4.50

O. B. Greer, 3 days at $1.50,	$4.50
A. M. Smith, 8 days at $1.50,	12.00
E. Murphy, 9 days at $1.50,	13.50
F. B. Heselton, 4 days at $1.50,	6.00
P. M. Lord, 1 day at $1.50,	1.50
William Law, 1 day at 75 cents,	.75
T. Haynes, 2 days at $1.50,	3.00
I. Haynes, 1 day at $1.50,	1.50
B. Haynes, 1 day at $1.50,	1.50
L. Boardman, 1 day at $1.50,	1.50
D. Story, Jr., 2 days at $1.50,	3.00
G. H. Ryder, 2 days at $1.50,	3.00
M. L. Weed, 3 1-10 days at $1.50,	4.65
Frenchmen, 10 days at $1.50,	15.00
H. Caldwell, 1 day at $1.50,	1.50
H. P. Kelley, 1 day at $1.50,	1.50
L. Page, 3½ days at $1.50,	5.25
Will Law, ⅔ day at $1.50,	1.00
S. B. Toby, 6 hours at $1.50,	.90
J. S. Page, 10 days 1½ hours, at $1.50,	10.15
J. B. Ireland, for F. C. Woodbury,	3.30
O. E. Whipple, for running road machine 15 days at $2.00,	30.00
L. N. Barnard, 2 days at $1.50,	3.00
William Heselton, 1 day at $1.50,	1.50
A. L. Burnham, 3 days at $1.50,	4.50
Charles Barnard, 4 hours,	.60
D. Butterfield, 2 days at $1.50,	3.00
O. E. Whipple, 36 days at $1.50,	54.00
O. E. Whipple, settling with selectmen and on road business, 6 days at $2.00,	12.00
E. Heselton, 2 days at $1.50,	3.00
	$408.85

Paid:

O. E. Whipple, getting and repairing road machine,	$2.00
O. E. Whipple, 1,000 ft. chestnut plank,	16.00

O. E. Whipple, stringers for bridge,	$1.00
J. E. Stone, 2 days blasting at $2.00,	4.00
J. E. Stone, dynamite, caps, and fuse,	1.10
Moore & Campbell, blacksmith work,	1.50
L. P. Hadley, " "	.60
G. Hillsgrove, " "	.50
J. B. Ireland, " "	.90
Paid for breaking out roads:	
Lewis Page,	4.80
I. Haynes,	3.00
F. B. Heselton,	2.90
I. C. Merrill,	6.35
W. H. Colby,	1.95
William Heselton,	12.75
J. B. Ireland,	2.10
D. S. Ferson,	2.00
H. A. Little,	4.40
M. A. Hadley,	5.09
D. Butterfield,	13.20
F. Flanders,	2.85
O. E. Whipple,	4.50
A. L. Burnham,	8.00
H. Caldwell,	4.50
	$105.89

Report of Eugene A. Whipple, road agent, for the year ending February 15, 1898:

Paid G. Noyes,	labor on highway,	$35.81
A. A. Colby,	" "	.75
N. J. Colby,	" "	13.50
O. P. Ellis,	" "	24.55
John Haynes,	" "	1.50
L. S. Page,	" "	1.50
P. E. Warriner,	" "	45.75
G. Kelsea,	" "	6.00

Paid R. Webber, labor on highway,	$3.00
C. A. Gould, " "	8.35
R. J. McConnell,	7.50
J. Sanborn,	16.50
S. H. Woodbury,	.53
L. Symer,	6.00
Dodge & Barnard for six loads of gravel,	.60
Dodge & Barnard for plank and stringers,	1 85
C. M. Wheeler, labor on highway,	8 23
C. Little, labor on highway,	5.05
E. L. McCrillis, labor on highway,	35.95
L. P. Hadley, labor,	.60
L. P. Hadley for powder and fuse,	.30
L. P. Hadley for repairing plow and chains.	.30
J. W. Colby, labor on highway,	6.60
A. P. Little " "	1.50
O. Webber, " "	3.00
W. F. Page, " "	33.64
E. A. Whipple as road agent,	6.00
E. A. Whipple, labor on highway,	46 00
	$320.86

Building bridge at Page's Mills:

Paid E. L. McCrillis for labor,	$3.00	
P. Warriner for labor,	3.00	
W. F. Page for labor,	10.44	
W. F. Page for plank,	34.56	
I. C. Merrill for stringers and railings,	26.75	
E. A. Whipple for labor,	3.00	
		$80.75
Total,		$401.61

Town of Dunbarton to G. O. Bailey, Dr.:

1897.	
June, to 5½ days,	$11.00
J. E. Barnard, 3 days and 5 hours,	5.25
R. E. Boynton, 5 days,	7.50

June, to	E. Clifford, ½ day,	$0.75
	A. C. Barnard, 1 day,	1.50
	F. O. Rollins, 2 days,	3.00
	Osborne Roberts, 2 days,	3.00
	John Blaisdell, 5½ days,	8.25
	David T. Heath, 2 days,	3.00
	David Sargent, 1½ days,	2.25
	Natt. Sargent, 2 days,	3.00
	Levi Syncere, 5½ days,	8.25
	Caleb Page, ½ day,	.75
	H. S. Whipple, 2½ days,	3.75
	Edward O'Connell, 3 days,	4.50
	B. W. Lord,	.50
	Justus Lord, 1 day,	1.50
	William Farrar, ½ day,	.75
	Walter Kimball, 1 day and 4 hours,	2.10
	M. J. Perkins, ½ day,	.75
	J. S. Sawyer, 1½ days,	2.25
	C. H. Lord, 2 days,	3.00
	Amsden Barnard, ½ day,	.75
		$77.35

G. O. Bailey:

1897.

July, to	4½ days,	$9.00
	J. E. Barnard, 2½ days,	3.75
	Edward O. Connell, 3 days,	4.50
	William Farrar, 8 hours,	1.20
	A. C. Barnard,	4.75
	David Heath, 3⅓ days,	5.00
	G. H. Heath, 6⅔ days,	10.00
	M. J. Perkins, 2 days and 2 hours,	3.30
	S. C. Hoyt, 6 days and 3 hours,	9.45
	J. T. Haines, 2 days,	3.00
	Walter Kimball, 1⅔ days,	2.50
	Natt. Sargent,	.50
		$56.95

G. O. Bailey, September, 1897.

Sept.,	to 2¾ days,	$5.50
	Natt. Sargent, ½ day,	.75
	W. C. Newell, 21 loads hardpan,	2.10
	M. J. Perkins, 1 day,	1.50
		$9.85

G. O. Bailey, October, 1897.

Oct.	to ½ day,	$1.00
	G. O. Bailey and man, ½ day,	1.75
	G. H. Heath, 1⅓ days,	2.00
	Natt. Sargent, ½ day,	.75
	C. H. Lord, 3 days,	4.50
	J. T. Haines, 2⅔ days,	4.00
	Natt. P. Hammond, 1 day and 6 hours,	2.40
	G. D. Batchelder, 2 days and 6 hours,	3.90
		$20.30

G. O. Bailey, February, 1898.

Feb.	to 4¾ days,	$9.50
	J. E. Barnard, 7 days,	10.50
	J. E. Barnard,	1.25
	A. C. Barnard, 16⅔ days,	25.00
	A. C. Barnard and horses, 4 days,	12.00
	David T. Heath, man and horse,	7.95
	G. H. Heath, 6 days,	9.00
	G. H. Heath, man and horses,	14.65
	Natt. Sargent, 1½ days,	2.25
	A. F. Waite, man and team,	6.00
	F. C. Woodbury, 5 days,	7.50
	F. C. Woodbury,	.33
	Lee Fenton, 1 day,	1.50
		$107.43

G. O. Bailey, February, 1898.

Feb.	to 1½ days,	$3.00
	S. E. Hoyt, 10 days,	15.00
	S. E. Hoyt,	.57
	John H. Atwood, 5 days,	7.50
	John H. Atwood,	.87
	Charles I. Clifford, 4 days,	6.00
	Charles I. Clifford,	1.42
	H. E. Mills, 10 days,	15.00
	M. J. Perkins, 4 hours with team,	1.20
	Edward B. Lord, 1 day,	1.50
	Edward B. Lord,	1.03
	Walter W. Kimball, 1 day and 6 hours,	2.40
	Osborn Roberts, 4 days,	6.00
	Natt. P. Hammond, 5 days,	7.50
	Natt. P. Hammond,	1.15
	J. T. Haines, 8 days,	12.00
	J. T. Haines,	.25
	G. W. Craine, 4 days and 6 hours,	6.90
	M. J. Perkins, 3 days and 9 hours,	5.85
	J. R. Emerson, 4 days,	6.00
	C. H. Lord, 4 days and 5 hours,	6.75
	James E. Stone, 5 days and 9 hours,	8.85
	G. H. Ryder, ½ day,	.75
		$117.49

REPORT OF TREASURER.

John D. Bunten, treasurer of school district, in account with the Dunbarton school district, for the year ending February 15, 1898:

	Dr.
Cash in treasury February 15, 1897,	$61.71
School money for year 1897, drawn from town treasury,	1,110.00

Literary fund for year 1897, drawn from town treasury,	$59.52
Money raised for repairs for year 1897, drawn from town treasury,	50.00
Dog license money for year 1896, drawn from town treasury,	82.20
	$1,363.43

	Cr.
Cash paid teachers' salaries,	$1,098.75
transportation of scholars,	50.00
wood fitted for stove,	39.00
cleaning school houses,	2.50
janitor's services,	8.00
repairs,	25.27
Cash to balance in treasurer's hands February 15, 1898,	139.91
	$1,363.43

This certifies that I have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the Dunbarton school district, and found the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

DAVID STORY, JR.

Dunbarton, N. H., February 15, 1898.

OUSTANDING BILLS.

Tuition at Goffstown, unknown.
Willie F. Page for wood, unknown.
Repairs on Montalona school house, unknown.

RECAPITULATION.

Unexpended school money in the treasury,	$115.18
Unexpended money for repairs,	24.73
	$139.91

Balance in favor of Dunbarton School District, less outstanding bills unknown February 15, 1898,	$139.91

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. BUNTEN,
Treasurer of School District.

J. B. Ireland, agent for town school books and supplies for school year ending February 15, 1898:

	Dr.	
To books and supplies as per report for year ending February 15, 1897,		$373.37
cash paid for books and supplies,		109.02
		$482.39
	Cr.	
By books and supplies on hand,	$48.00	
loaned and used,	434.39	
	$482.39	
Discount on books loaned and used,		$65.16
Value of books loaned and used, February 15, 1898,		369.23

Account of expenditure for books and supplies:

Ginn & Co. in settlement for Wentworth arithmetic,	$34 18
Ginn & Co., 2 Wentworth algebras,	1.87
George F. King & Merrill, supplies,	18.89
Werner School Book Co., Ellsworth copy books,	13.60
New Normal readers,	5.54
American Book Co., 4 Barnes's Brief History,	3.29
Maynard, Merrill & Co., 80 copies Phys.,	21.86
New Hampshire Bible society, 75 New Testaments,	6.00
Express, postage and money orders,	3.88
	$109.02

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF DUNBARTON.

The very first thing that our Pilgrim Fathers did after landing upon the rugged shores of New England, and providing a rude shelter for their families, was to found a church. The school house followed next; and from that day to this, these two institutions, side by side, have held the foremost place in the hearts of all her children. Whether they have, by constant toil on the rocky farms which their fathers reclaimed supported their families, and maintained these institutions, or whether on the fertile prairies of the broad West, or while engaged in other pursuits in our large cities, or in foreign lands, the same has ever been true. The result has been this, wherever they have gone, they have always made their mark, and their influence has always been felt and felt for good. Settle where they would, the church and the school house have always usurped the place of the gambling den and grog shop as if by magic.

It has been well said that New England is a good place to be born in; and insignificant as she may appear as, on the map we glance over her few square miles of rocky hills and wooded valleys, nevertheless, in one product—the raising of men—she has always taken the lead. In no other product can she begin to compete with either the South or West; but she may justly place on her roll of honor a large percentage of the noblest, among all the illustrious names, of those whose memory will ever be held dear in the hearts of their countrymen. If they have not come directly from her rocky farms themselves, their

fathers did before them. Fifty years ago the fact that a man had been educated in "The East," was a general passport throughout the country, and was held almost as a certificate that he was qualified to fill any position of honor and trust; but more is required of a man to-day, whether his career is to be in business or professional life. And if the sons and daughters of New England are still to hold their places at the front, they must bestir themselves.

In many respects the schools of the West are fully up to our own. Those of the South are rapidly improving; while the other advantages which they can offer are so great that they are constantly drawing from New England the best of her sons, and daughters. Many people, with no children of their own, have the feeling that the taxes they are paying yearly for the support of public schools are money thrown away, while on the contrary it is better invested than if put into government bonds. While the West and South are continually calling away our friends and neighbors from these stony farms, were it not for the churches and school houses, that dot every New England hill-side, these sterile acres could hardly be given away, unless to the poorest class of foreigners. The first question asked by the prospective purchaser, is in respect to these two all important requisites: should the answer to these questions prove satisfactory, he is ready then to look the land over, otherwise he will turn on his heel and walk away, regardless of what the other advantages may be; and in no way can we do more to enhance the value of these farms than by maintaining the enviable reputation of our public schools and doing everything possible to raise their standard higher. We are happy to be able to say, that, as a whole, the schools in our own town have made a better showing during the past year than in many previous ones. In some schools the progress has been particularly flattering; while in a few cases it has fallen below what we had reason to expect. If we can point out some of the causes that have contrib-

uted to this success, or caused these failures it ought to help us in the future, otherwise our reports are of little value; no one can be more alive to the fact that your committee are human, and liable to make mistakes, than they are themselves; but in every case, both in the selection of teachers and retaining them, as well as where differences have arisen, they have done what seemed in their finite judgment, for the greatest welfare of the schools and true justice to all concerned, without prejudice or partiality. Our most celebrated training schools have, so far, failed to turn out teachers that have proved omniscient, therefore, we have felt that, when we had secured a really good one it was best to keep her as long as possible, even though some of the more critical have voted her not quite perfect, but in the majority of cases we have found that those who have criticised most had the least opportunity to know the truth respecting that whereof they spoke.

How many of the farmers who turn their young cattle away to pasture fail to visit them once or twice during the season, to see for themselves that the feed is abundant, that the water does not fail or the salt tub get dry? How many of these same men as often find a day to spend in the public school? Possibly the committee and teacher do not look after your children better than the man you employ looks after your cattle, and let us say right here that those schools where you oftenest find the parents present, are the ones that prove the most satisfactory. It is not only unwise, but very unjust, to criticise and censure any teacher without first visiting the school and verifying with your own eyes and ears the statements and criticisms that you make, but in Heaven's name, if these strictures must be made, do not, for the sake of your children, make them in their hearing. The ideal school is where parents, teacher, and pupils are all in harmony, and each one striving to do their very best. Especially is it true in the country, that the teacher needs the active coöperation of the parents, for

here more than in larger places, the schools are hampered, if not made comparatively useless, by that greatest of all evils, irregular attendance and tardiness. You might as well expect your cattle to thrive and grow fat, if fed only three or four times a week, and then at irregular hours, as that your children can make progress, by attending school two or three days in a week, and only an uncertain part of those days. While we are constantly seeking for better books, better charts, better teachers, and better methods of instruction, we often lose sight of that most important fact, that self-reliance, self-dependence, persistent individual effort on the part of each pupil, is, after all, the true measure of success. Without this all other aids will but serve to put a little whitewash on the man of putty; but with this fixed, unwavering purpose to excel, even lacking all these outside helps, though the progress may be slower, the good will, in time, be reached none the less surely, as has been proved by thousands of the ablest men our country has produced. No pupil should in any way be led to feel that the teacher or any one but himself, is responsible for his failures, or that his education and his success can, in any way be gained, but by his own carefully continued hard work. Occasionally a stranger, looking about in some of our old pastures, comes across a strange looking tree with which he is not familiar; possibly it is as high as his head. The gnarled, twisted, and crooked trunk, though small, shows all the marks of age, and on every side, from near the ground to its very top, and so thickly interwoven that a bird can hardly fly between, are set the short and scraggy limbs, covered with knots, and spurs, and thorns. It may have a covering of leaves, but never any signs of fruit. The stranger asks, in wonder, what kind of a tree it is, and is informed that it is an apple-tree. "But what makes it grow like that?" he asks, with increased surprise, and the philosophical farmer, who is acting as his guide, replies that when it first came up, a single thrifty, tender shoot, some

of the cattle had eaten it off close to the ground; later in the season, two sprouts had started from this little stump only to share the same fate, but the next Spring kind Nature, nothing daunted, sent up a dozen to supply the missing two, but with no better success. And so for twenty years she had kept on, each time sending out more shoots than before, in the vain hope that by chance one, at least, would escape. "But why don't you fence it in, and take care of it now?" "Too late," is the laconic reply. "Stunt 'em when they 're young, and they 'll always be stunted. Dress 'em, and tend 'em as long as you live, you can't make anything but scrubs of them now."

Just as the farmer reaches home, the children come in from school, grumbling about the new teacher. "She 'd put them clear back to addition in 'rithmetic, and the sounds of the letters in readin', had them jest read their jogrephy out of the book, did n't do any parsin, either, with them new kind of grammars, and did n't keep no order nohow." Our friend does n't propose that *his* children shall "waste their time with any such nonsense," so he takes them out of school. The next term they like the teacher first rate, and have just got well started when haying begins; he can't possibly get along without the boy now, and the girl must stay at home to mind the baby. Next term they try again, but "this teacher is awful strict, and just whips them for nothing;" and again, this shrewd, practical man, who really loves his children more than he does his own life, and who is working early and late to save a little money to give them a start in the world, takes them out of school, never dreaming that he is doing for them exactly what his cattle did for that old stunted tree. Though the soil on these hills is none too fertile at the best, and though our country schools are not yet perfect, nevertheless, if we give either the trees or the boys the advantages that naturally come in their reach, we shall find very few scrubs in New England.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing the Common Schools of Dunbarton, N. H., Adopted March 26, 1897.

1. The school exercises in each school shall open at 9 o'clock a. m., with Scripture reading and the repeating of the Lord's prayer by teacher and pupils.

2. General exercises in mental arithmetic shall be given by the school at some hour during three days and in Physiology at some hour during two days of each school week.

3. The common school course shall include reading, mental and written arithmetic, grammar, history, geography, physiology, practical accounts, spelling and penmanship as defined and graded for such schools.

4. No scholar shall be allowed to take up more advanced or high school studies until all the studies established by the School Board as the common school course are completed, unless written permission is first obtained of the School Board.

5. No rude or disorderly actions, or use of vulgar or profane language shall be tolerated in or about the school buildings, and any damage to the school property, buildings, furnishings, or books shall be made good by the guilty party.

The teacher is to see that the foregoing is promptly enforced, and report all violations to the School Board.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE BY TERMS

CENTRE DIVISION.

First Term.—None.

Second Term.—Leon Emerson, Guy Paige, Lizzie Bunten, Ruth Emerson, Annie Jameson, Mary Jameson.

Third Term.—Oliver Bunten, Lizzie Bunten, Ruth Emerson, Mabel Kelley.

NORTH DIVISION.

None.

WAITE DIVISION.

First Term.—Marion L. Waite, Ethel C. Stone.

Second Term.—Earle H. Stone, Ried H. Stone, Ethel C. Stone, Charlie Quimby, George L. Waite.

Third Term.—None.

MONTALONA DIVISION.

First Term.—Anna Kelsea.

Second Term.—None.

Third Term.—Frank E. McCrillis, Scott C. Jones.

BURNHAM DIVISION.

None.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of School.	Names of Teachers.	Terms.	No. of weeks in term.	Salary per month, including board.	No. of boys.	No. of girls.	Total No. registered.	Average attendance.	No. not absent.	Visits by school board.	Other visitors.	No. in reading.	No. in spelling.	No. in penmanship.	No. in arithmetic.	No. in geography.	No. in grammar.	No. in history.	No. in composition.	No. in physiology.	No. in bookkeeping.	No. in algebra.	No. in drawing.	No. in vocal music.	No. of scholars over 5 years attending not less than 2 weeks.
	Ella L. Lewis	Spring	10	$32.00	8	21	29	23	7	6	26	29	29	29	29	18	16	1	18	20	..	1	..	..	29
Center	Anna W. McKean	Fall	10	32.00	8	17	25	23	6	3	27	25	25	25	24	17	16	3	16	16	..	..	..	..	25
	Anna W. McKean	Winter	10	32.00	7	16	23	21	4	3	34	23	23	23	21	17	15	2	16	16	..	1	..	..	23
	Sadie E. Perkins	Spring	10	28.00	6	7	13	9	..	2	12	13	13	13	13	3	3	3	3	1	..	1	..	..	13
North Dunbarton	Sadie E. Perkins	Fall	10	28.00	5	7	12	10	..	3	4	12	12	12	12	3	3	2	3	1	..	2	..	..	12
	Sadie E. Perkins	Winter	10	28.00	4	5	9	5	..	3	8	9	9	9	9	3	3	3	4	3	..	1	5	..	9
	M. Etta Richards	Spring	10	30.00	4	6	10	9	4	5	14	10	10	10	10	9	7	..	9	9	..	2	..	..	10
Waite	M. Etta Richards	Fall	10	30.00	4	6	10	9	5	3	11	10	10	10	9	7	8	8	10	2	..	1	10	..	10
	M. Etta Richards	Winter	10	30.00	2	5	7	7	2	3	15	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	7	1	..	..	7	..	7
	Martha S. Oviatt	Spring	10	28.00	9	4	13	12	2	3	8	13	13	13	13	11	7	7	11	11	..	..	..	..	13
Montalona	Edwin A. Colby	Fall	10	28.00	11	8	19	11	2	8	4	18	18	18	16	16	12	14	..	..	..	4	..	..	18
	Lizzie M. Flanders	Winter	10	28.00	9	6	15	11	3	6	13	15	15	14	10	14	13	11	..	12	1	4	..	..	15
	Florence B. Holt	Spring	10	28.00	6	6	12	9	..	8	4	12	11	11	11	6	4	6	..	8	..	..	..	..	12
Burnham	Maude E. Dodge	Fall	10	28.00	9	6	15	10	..	3	6	14	14	12	8	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
	Lura K. Kimpton	Winter	10	28.00	9	2	11	9	2	4	13	11	11	11	11	6	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Summary of all schools			30	$29.20	43	50	93	60	23	63	199	91	90	87	73	53	49	34	43	48	1	9	15	..	92

B. BURNHAM,
J. B. IRELAND,
WM. H. STINSON,
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Births Registered in the Town of Dunbarton for the Year ending December 31, 1897.

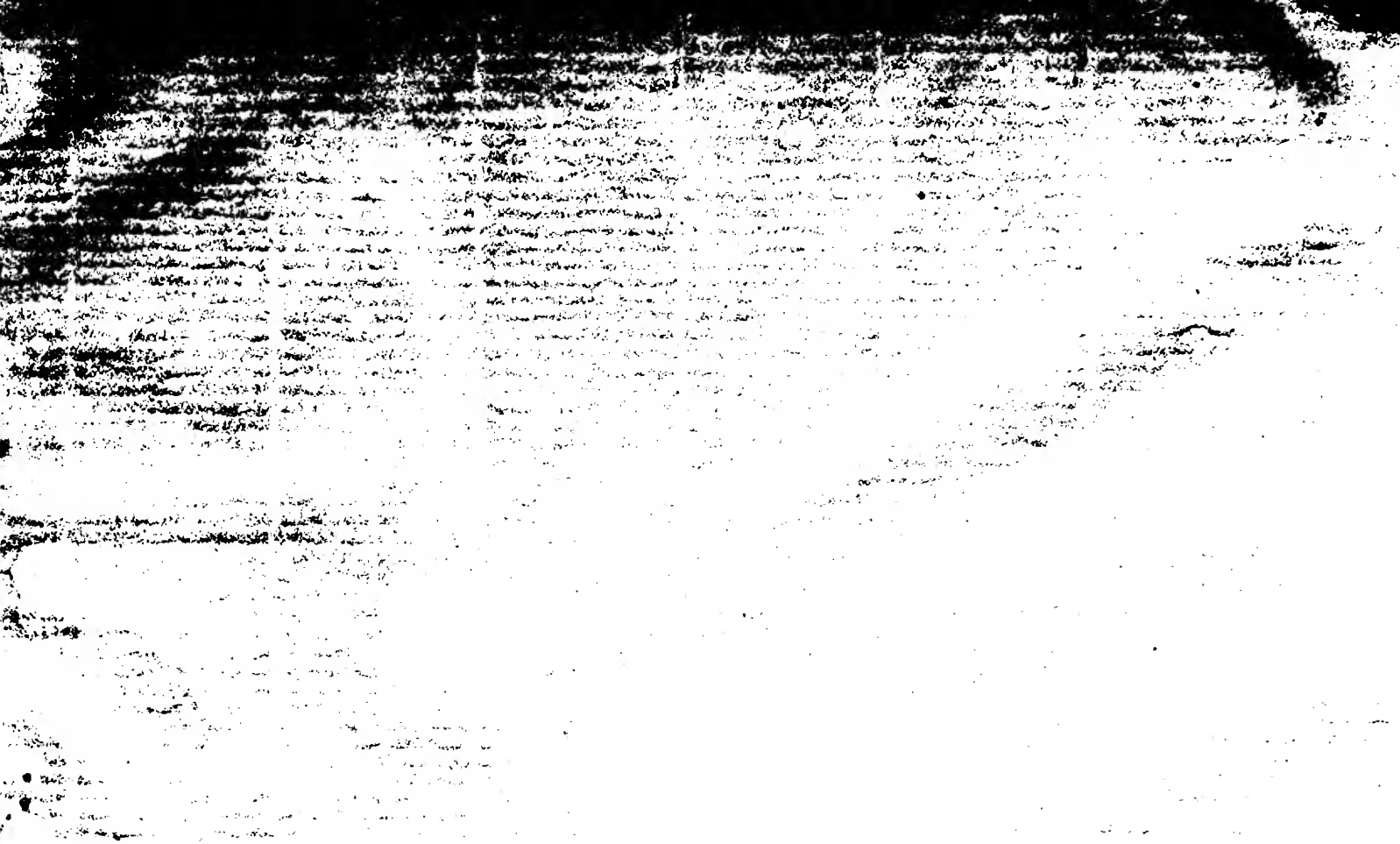
Date of birth.	Name of child (if any).	Sex and condition.					Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.	No. of child.	Color.							
Jan. 22	.....	M.	.....	Living	6th	W.	Harvey G. Boynton..	Jennie M. Weed.....	W.	Dunbarton....	Laborer.....	Weare.....	New York....
Feb. 24	.....	.....	F.	"	4th	"	Aaron C. Barnard....	Mary C. Caldwell....	"	"	Farmer.....	Dunbarton ...	Dunbarton....
May 2	.....	.....	"	"	2d	"	Ernest Murphy.....	Julia Langgoha.....	"	"	Laborer	Grand Isle, Vt.	Germany .....
June 10	.....	"	.....	"	3d	"	Walter C. Walker....	Belle Brayton.....	"	"	Farmer.....	Danbury	Fall River, Ms
Sept. 20	.....	.....	"	"	7th	"	G. J. Hillsgrove.....	Addie E. Abbott.....	"	"	Blacksmith...	Pittsfield.....	West Candia..

Marriages Registered in the Town of Dunbarton for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Aug. 23	Dunbarton.	Will H. Flanders...	Dunbarton.	24	W.	Farmer.....	Dunbarton....	.....	Dunbarton....	.....	1	Rev. A. K. Gleason,
								.....	"	.....		
		Amelia Winters....	"	21	"	Housewife....	New Yo'k City	C. Winters.....	NewYorkCity	Cab. maker.	1	Dunbarton.
								Hannah ——	"	Housewife..		
Sept. 1	"	Larkin S. Paige....	"	57	"	Farmer.....	Bow.....	Benjamin Paige.....	Bow.....	Farmer.....	3	Rev. J. J. Peck,
								Mary S. Sargent....	"	Housewife..		
		Harriett Greenleaf	"	16	"	Housewife ...	Gilmanton...	Charles Greenleaf...	Groton.....	Farmer.....	1	Dunbarton.
								Love Avery.....	"	Housewife..		
Dec. 9	"	Harrison P. Page..	"	30	"	Farmer..	Dunbarton ...	Geo. W. Page.....	Dunbarton....	Farmer.....	1	Rev. A. K. Gleason,
								Martha H. Farnum..	East Concord	Housewife..		
		Edith G. Caldwell..	"	29	"	Housewife....	Boston, Mass.	Horace Caldwell....	Dunbarton....	Farmer.....	1	Dunbarton.
								Sarah M. Waite.....	"	Housewife..		
Dec. 16	Concord ...	Benjamin E. Fitts..	"	26	"	Farmer.....	Dunbarton	Lewis C. Fitts.....	"	Farmer.....	1	Rev. E. M. Parker,
								Esther A. Goodwin	Concord	Housewife..		
		Caroline Emerson..	"	19	"	Housewife....	"	John R. Emerson....	Dunbarton....	Farmer.....	1	Concord.
								Sarah E. Gutterson..	"	Housewife..		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Dunbarton, for the Year ending December 31, 1897.

Date of death.	Place of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age.			Place of birth.	Condition.			Occupation	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.		Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.		Father.	Mother.		
Feb. 21	Dunbarton	Ellen P. Knight	81	10	21	Roxbury, Mass.	F.	W.	W.	Housewife.	.....	.....	John A. Webber	Hepzibah Spalding.
April 2	"	Mary S. Paige	76	10	7	.....	"	"	.....	.....	N. H.	N. H.	James Sargent	—— Stewart.
May 5	"	M. J. McQuillian	70	8	1	Champlain, N.Y	"	"	"	Housewife.	Ch'mpl'n, N.Y.	Stillwat'r, N.Y	James Masten	Mary Fosburgh.
May 10	"	Frank W. Paige	3	8	1	Dunbarton	M.	"	S.	Scholar	Dunbarton	Bow	Wm. F. Paige	Laura Hammond.
June 10	"	John C. Clough	78	2	23	"	"	"	W.	Farmer	Weare	Weare	Daniel Clough	Mary Colby.
June 30	"	Orren J. Law	49	5	11	"	"	"	M.	"	.....	.....	William Law	Sarah Morrill.
Aug. 27	"	Lydia M. Page	31	..	..	Hopkinton	F.	"	"	Housewife.	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	Cogswell Weeks	H. J. Weeks.
Sept. 11	Concord	Jane A. Tenney	71	5	..	.....	"	"	W.	"	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oct. 12	Dunbarton	—— Boynton	..	..	20	Dunbarton	M.	"	.....	.....	Weare	Russett, N. Y.	Harvey G. Boynton	Jennie M. Weed.
Oct. 16	"	Franc's H. Steavens	65	4	18	Springfield	"	"	M.	Laborer	Springfield	Springfield	Jacob Steavens	Sarah Quimby.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

GEORGE F. MILLS, *Town Clerk.*